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## **DR. MICHAEL WOOD JOINS PATIENTS FIRST**

(July 5, 2009, Washington, MO).....Patients First Health Care is pleased to announce that **Michael L. Wood, MD**, an interventional cardiologist, will be joining the medical group August 3, 2009. As part of the cardiology division of Patients First, Dr. Wood will be joining the practice of Dr. John Mohart, Dr. Brian Seeck, and Dr. Michael Beardslee. Dr. Wood will have offices in the Patients First Washington Campus building at 901 Patients First Drive, Washington, at the Patients First Internal Medicine Office at 101 Progress Drive in Sullivan, and at the SSM St. Clare Medical Building, 1011 Bowles Ave, Suite G10, Fenton.

Dr. Wood specializes in interventional cardiology with special emphasis on peripheral vascular disease. The main advantages of using the interventional approach is the avoidance of scars, pain and long postoperative recovery. Also, the procedure of primary angioplasty is now the gold standard of care for acute myocardial infarction. It involves the removal of clots from blocked coronary arteries and the use of stents and balloons through a small hole made into a major artery. Dr. Wood's training and skill will be a great compliment to the Patients First cardiology team.

Dr. Wood attended medical school at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, Jackson, Mississippi, where he was a Norman C. Nelson M.D. Scholar. He was elected into the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society in 2000. Dr. Wood completed his residency in internal medicine followed by a three year cardiology fellowship at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. Dr. Wood also completed an additional one year interventional cardiology fellowship at the same institution. Dr. Wood is board certified in cardiovascular medicine, cardiovascular diseases and interventional cardiology. He has extensive experience in emergency medicine, has had articles published in medical publications, and has received awards for

two statewide poster competitions sponsored by the American College of Physicians and the American Society of Internal Medicine.

Most recently Dr. Wood was the primary interventional cardiologist for The Heart Care Group in St. Louis. In addition to a busy peripheral interventional practice, Dr. Wood also served as co-director of the cardiac catheterization lab at Anderson Hospital and also held responsibilities for the vascular laboratory at Christian Northeast Hospital, St. Louis.

Dr. Wood will start a peripheral vascular clinic at Patients First Health Care when he joins the group in August. Peripheral vascular disease affects 10 million people in the United States, and involves disorders of the circulatory system primarily in the legs and arms.

Appointments for Dr. Wood are being accepted by calling 636-239-2711.